

Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for facilitating ~~the an~~ automatic allocation of an agency fee fees and a travel cost costs that are associated with a travel-related transaction comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a Passenger Name Record from a travel reservation system, ~~related to said travel-related transaction~~, wherein said Passenger Name Record includes information related to said agency fee and said travel cost related to said travel-related transaction facilitates charging a fee;
 - obtaining a user profile comprising allocation information, wherein said allocation information defines ~~a plurality of fees with a corresponding plurality of accounts~~ an allocation of said travel cost to a first billing account and said agency fee to a second billing account;
 - charging a said first billing account, according to said user profile, for said travel cost, wherein said travel cost represents charges associated with said travel-related transaction a cost related to said travel-related transaction;
 - determining said agency fee based upon said Passenger Name Record ~~and said user profile~~, wherein said agency fee represents an extra charge related to said travel-related transaction in addition to said travel cost;
 - charging said agency fee to a said second billing account according to said user profile; and
 - providing an enhanced descriptive billing statement, wherein said enhanced descriptive billing statement:
 - (i) recites said travel cost related to said travel-related transaction;
 - (ii) separately recites said agency fee; and
 - (iii) recites indicia indicating that said agency fee and said travel cost are related to each other;

~~wherein said receiving, establishing, determining, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said travel reservation system is a Computer Reservation System.

3. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for facilitating ~~the~~ an automatic allocation of an agency fee fees and ~~costs~~ a travel cost that are associated with a travel-related transaction comprising the steps of:

receiving a Passenger Name Record from a travel reservation system, wherein said Passenger Name Record includes information related to said agency fee and said travel cost related to said travel-related transaction ~~that facilitates charging a fee associated with said travel-related transaction;~~

obtaining a user profile comprising allocation information, wherein said allocation information defines ~~a plurality of fees with a corresponding plurality of accounts~~ an allocation of said travel cost to a first billing account and said agency fee to a second billing account;

determining said agency fee based upon said Passenger Name Record ~~and said user profile~~, wherein said agency fee represents an extra charge related to said travel-related transaction in addition to said travel cost; and,

charging said ~~plurality of fees~~ agency fee and said travel cost to a said first billing account and a said second billing account according to said user profile; ~~and, wherein said receiving, establishing, determining, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said agency fee and said travel cost ~~is plurality of fees are~~ charged to ~~said~~ a plurality of billing accounts associated with said user profile.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a portion of said Passenger Name Record to a management information system for providing periodic enhanced descriptive billing statements.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising formatting said Passenger Name Record in a Passenger Name Record format.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising providing said second billing account with fee reconciling information.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Original) A digital storage medium having instructions stored thereon configured to execute the method of claim 1.
- 11.-16. (Canceled)
17. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for facilitating automatic allocation of fees for use by a travel agency, wherein said travel agency assists a traveler in making travel-related purchases from a merchant entity, said method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a Passenger Name Record from an accounting system, said accounting system configured to receive said Passenger Name Record from a Computer Reservation System;
 - receiving a user profile comprising allocation information, wherein said allocation information defines an agency fee and a travel cost ~~a plurality of fees~~ with a corresponding first billing account and a second billing account ~~plurality of accounts~~;
 - comparing said Passenger Name Record to information in said user profile to determine a an agency fee to be charged for said assistance by said travel agency; and
 - charging said ~~plurality of fees and said cost~~ said agency fee and said travel cost to a said first billing account and a said second billing account according to said user profile, ~~wherein said receiving, comparing, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.~~
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising facilitating enhancement of a billing statement with ~~fee~~ reconciliation information relating to said agency fee and said travel cost.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising providing a credit entity with said fee reconciliation information.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising charging said agency fee to a different account than an account used to charge a said travel cost of said travel-related purchase.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
 providing data to a management information system for providing a facilitating entity with periodic reports; and
 providing a subset of said Passenger Name Record to said management information system.
22. (Original) A digital storage medium having instructions stored thereon configured to execute the method of claim 18.
- 23.-28. (Canceled)
29. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises determining said agency fee based on said user profile.
30. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising reducing at least one of: said agency fee and said travel cost when said travel-related transaction is in accordance with predefined rules.
31. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a service fee based on said allocation and charging said service fee to at least one of: said first billing account, said second billing account, and a third billing account.
32. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said obtaining step further comprises selecting said user profile from a plurality of user profiles based on an identity of a consumer of said travel-related transaction.
33. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said determining step further comprises determining said agency fee based on said user profile.